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Craigie 16: March 30<sup>13</sup>

My dear Doctor,

I thank you for the  
notice on Hooker's Flora of New Zealand  
that you were kind enough  
to send me. The article that  
I partially read in Lilliman's  
Journal is to me of an intense  
interest; as well for the facts &  
results it contains as for the  
conclusions he & you derive from  
them. The view ~~Hooker~~<sup>Hooker</sup> takes  
of the cause of the Geographical  
Distribution is rather an extreme  
one, as that of Agassiz<sup>also</sup> is on the  
~~other extreme~~ opposite side.  
But the right comprehension  
of the subject ~~only~~ can advance

by such excellent &  
extensive observations as we  
are here presented with. One  
fact is certain (& I tried to  
show it in South America); wherever  
the opportunities for dissemination  
or expansion exist there also  
do we find <sup>the</sup> same or analogous  
Species, & their similarity or  
difference, is on the whole in proportion  
with the continuity, or disconnectedness  
of the landmasses & similarity or  
difference of structure, quite as much  
as of climate —

Very sincerely & truly

Yours

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